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H. CON. RES. 74

Supporting the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety with a global target to reduce by 50 percent the predicted increase in global road deaths between 2010 and 2020.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 16, 2009

Mr. WEXLER (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety with a global target to reduce by 50 percent the predicted increase in global road deaths between 2010 and 2020.

Whereas according to the 2004 World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention, 40,000 people in the United States and 1,300,000 people globally die in road crashes each year;

Whereas another 20,000,000 to 50,000,000 people globally are injured each year as a result of speeding motor vehicles and the increased use of motor vehicles;

Whereas road crashes are the leading cause of death globally for young people between the ages of 10 and 24 years around the world;

Whereas the current estimated monetary cost of motor vehicle crashes worldwide is \$518,000,000,000 annually, representing between 3 and 5 percent of the gross domestic product of each nation;

Whereas according to the World Health Organization, over 90 percent of motorist-related deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries;

Whereas according to the World Health Organization, motorist-related deaths and costs continue to rise in these countries due to a lack of appropriate road engineering and injury prevention programs in public health sectors;

Whereas the United States, United Nations, and international community should promote the improvement of data collection and comparability, including by adopting the standard definition of a road death as “any person killed immediately or dying within 30 days as a result of a road traffic crash” as standard definitions of injury, and the facilitation of international cooperation to develop reliable data systems and analytical capability;

Whereas it is critical that the international community support collaborative action to enhance global road safety and reduce the risk of road crash death and injury around the world by fostering partnerships and cooperation between governments, private and public sectors, and within civil society, as well as relationships between the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and other national and international road safety authorities;

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in 2005 designating the third Sunday of November as a day of remembrance for road crash victims and

their families, and calling on nations globally to improve road safety;

Whereas the United States Congress passed H. Con. Res. 87, as well as S. Con. Res. 39, in the 110th Congress supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims;

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in 2008 highlighting the impact of global road safety issues, encouraging nations to take action to reduce road crash risks across the world, and creating the first global high-level conference on road safety, to be hosted by the Russian Federation in Moscow in November 2009; and

Whereas the Ministerial Consultative Committee of the First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Moscow has drafted a declaration to designate 2010–2020 as the “Decade of Action for Road Safety”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of a decade of
4 action for road safety with a global target to reduce
5 by 50 percent the predicted increase in global road
6 deaths between 2010 and 2020;

7 (2) urges the Obama Administration and the
8 Department of State, in conjunction with the Na-
9 tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration
10 (NHTSA), to set ambitious road traffic casualty re-

1 duction targets for United States citizens traveling
2 abroad;

3 (3) encourages international harmonization of
4 road safety regulations and good practices through
5 accession to and implementation of related United
6 Nations legal instruments, resolutions, and manuals
7 issued by the United Nations Road Safety Collabo-
8 ration; and

9 (4) urges the Obama Administration to take a
10 leadership role at the First Ministerial Conference
11 on Road Safety in Moscow and for the United States
12 to work with nations around the world to achieve the
13 goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety
14 and to reduce the impact of this health epidemic on
15 the global community.

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